

# Legal Notice for the South Redbird Project's 30 day comment period

## LEGAL NOTICE

Opportunity to Comment on the South Red Bird Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project

The Daniel Boone National Forest, Redbird Ranger District, has prepared an environmental assessment for the South Red Bird Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project. This project proposes to facilitate habitat enhancement and forest restoration through a variety of methods on about 12,000 acres, conduct controlled prescribed fires on approximately 7,500 acres, and reroute nearly 20 miles of the Redbird Crest Trail. The project boundary encompasses approximately 55,750 acres, of which nearly 32,275 acres are National Forest System (NFS) lands in the

southern portion of the Redbird Ranger District, spanning portions of Clay, Leslie, and Bell Counties, Kentucky. The project area is bisected north to south by the Redbird River which serves as the Clay and Leslie County border. In Clay County, the northwestern portion of project area lies within the Sandhill region, south to Blue Hole Creek and Highway 1524. In Leslie County, the northeastern portion of the project begins above Left Fork of Elisha Creek south to Upper Jacks Creek and Oakley Cave Branch.

The proposed project is available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52340>. The EA and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Redbird Ranger District. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from Randy Swilling, William.swilling@usda.gov, Redbird District Ranger, 91 Peabody Road, Big Creek, Kentucky, 40914, 606-589-2192. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

### How to Comment and Timeframe

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Manchester Enterprise, the newspaper of record. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity, and

those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another source. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b) (6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents or standing for administrative review.

Written comments must be submitted to: Robert Claybrook, Redbird District Ranger, Redbird District Ranger, 91 Peabody Road, Big Creek, KY, 40914, 606-589-2192, and/or [robert.claybrook@usda](mailto:robert.claybrook@usda).

gov. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52340> or at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Project/Details/1920> or as an email message to [SM.FS.r8dbredcom@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.r8dbredcom@usda.gov). For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8). Please state "South Red Bird Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.

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